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Remarks

The present application claims a method for assembling components using co-bonded woven preforms and Z-pins. Z-pins are inserted into a bonding surface of a first component before the first component is cured. A preform is then bonded to the first component at the bonding surface, the Z-pins extending into the preform, the preform being used to connect a second component to the first component. Optional steps are also claimed that can be used with the method. None of the references listed below disclose the claimed methods of construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

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